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## TURF TOPICS.

Though the weather was not so bad this morning, the course was quite as wet. The outside one was closed. One gray pony threw his jockey and galloped round alone, turning in the orthodox manner when well past the winning post and trotting up the slope where he was captured. Backstay came out very late and caused a good deal of amusement by his antics. After getting back to the grass course once and knocking down a rail near the mile-and-a-half post he was induced to trot round and gallop a mile; but being in a bad temper he would not go.

The following were the times taken:—

OLD FORTS.  
Culla Rose, one mile, 35, 1.11, 1.45, 2.17.  
Earthquake, one mile and a quarter, 2.52, last half, 35, 1.08.  
Coxcomb, one mile and a quarter, last three quarters, 1.06, 1.41.  
Seafam, one mile and a quarter, 39, 1.13, 1.50, 2.28, 2.56.  
Gleaser, one mile and a quarter, 38, 1.23, 1.50, 2.28, 2.56.  
Pheasant, two miles, last mile, 38, 1.16, 1.52, 2.20.  
Maryland, one mile and a quarter, last mile, 1.19, 1.54, 2.28.  
Stirrup Cup, one mile, 34, 1.12, 1.49, 2.20.  
Sulphur, one mile, 34, 1.13, 1.49, 2.21.  
Folke and Double Zero, one mile, 34, 1.10, 1.45, 2.17.

DERBY GRIFINS.  
Tried, one mile and a quarter, last three quarters, 1.06, 1.41.  
Strathdallas, one mile and a quarter, 38, 1.13, 1.49, 2.28, 2.56.  
Waziri Chief, three quarters, 38, 1.13, 1.46.  
Achilles, one mile and a quarter, 37, 1.12, 1.49, 2.26, 2.57.  
Apollo, one mile and a quarter, 36, 1.10, 1.45, 2.21, 2.55.  
Mascot, one mile, 35, 1.10, 1.48, 2.20.  
Volga, one mile, 34, 1.13, 1.49, 2.21.  
Desert, three quarters, 37, 1.11, 1.43.

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Hippomedon and Hercules, one mile and a quarter, last mile, 34, 1.13, 1.49, 2.23.  
Gunduck, three quarters, 37, 1.11, 1.43.  
Backstay, one mile, 37, 1.10, 1.45, 2.23.

## THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

At its sittings on February 1 and 2, the Commission was engaged on business of a purely formal nature, a Committee being meanwhile at work drawing up Rules of Procedure, etc.

On re-assembling at 11 a.m. on the 5th instant, M. de Viller notified his inability to take up his duties as Assistant Secretary. M. de Lafont, Secretary to the French delegation, was therefore appointed Assistant Secretary, and Mr. T. de Viller official stenographer to the Commission.

The Committee on Rules and Order then presented its report, and the Rules drawn up were all accepted, with some amendments, by the Commission, which adjourned at 12.30 p.m. It was agreed that both English and French should, on principle, be recognized as the languages to be used in the Commission, and that steps should be taken to ensure that the deliberations be rendered, if necessary, and the minutes recorded in both languages.

The Commission met again at 2.30 p.m., and, after appointing a Press Committee, listened to the summary of a report presented by the United States delegation, dealing with the opium question in America and the Philippines. Reports were also handed in by the British delegation (for Great Britain, Australia, Hongkong, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States, and Weihaiwei), and the Japanese delegation (for Japan and Formosa). A few remarks were offered on presentation of these reports, but there was no debate, it being understood that members of the several delegations will require time to study the reports, before they will be in a position to discuss any portion of them.

China will hand in a report on Monday morning, whilst the reports from India and Canada, and those prepared by the other delegations, will be presented later.—N.O. Daily News.

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## NOTES FROM THE WEST RIVER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NANNING, Feb. 1.

Chinese New Year has passed off quietly  
but the streets look dreary without the  
usual brilliant red posters on the houses,  
which are strictly forbidden. The people  
at first did not credit the officials with  
earnestness in regard to the mourning  
regulations and there were several arrests  
made of citizens whose heads showed  
evidence of the use of the razor; two prom-  
inent merchants, for instance, were paraded  
in disgrace through the streets and im-  
prisoned. Great fear therefore fell on  
all and many men were in hiding until  
their hair was grown!

Nothing more serious has been heard of  
the mutiny at Ping Chau, 180 li from  
Nanning, where the soldiers rose and  
killed their commander and his secretary.

Large numbers of workmen are still busy  
repairing the Bund. Over \$9,000 has been  
set apart for this purpose, and though out-  
wardly the work looks well, yet the old  
mistakes still remain, i.e. an insecure  
foundation below, and above boggy land  
which will allow the pond water to per-  
colate through and make the bund an easy  
prey the next time the river is in flood.

Captain Eldridge and his assistants have  
been busy surveying the river and have  
now almost completed their arduous work,  
which has not been without risks and  
dangers, as for instance taking soundings  
on slippery rocks above a rushing current.

Captain Eldridge is expected here shortly  
when he will make his report to the Tao-tai.  
The officials are promulgating a scheme  
for altering the drainage of Nanning.  
It is considered that the present system  
allows too big a drop for the water into the  
river, and that it must be so arranged that  
the fall be made more gradual. This has  
no connection with modern science, but  
has something to do with "Feng-Shui,"  
for it is feared that if the sewage escapes  
too quickly that it is a symbol of the city's  
wealth running away!

## FRENCH EXPLORATION IN CHINA.

Advises received by the Paris Geo-  
graphical Society show that the French  
expedition under Captain d'Ollone, which  
set out a couple of years ago to traverse the  
western provinces of China from south to  
north, has some exciting experiences on the  
borders of China and Tibet. The expedi-  
tion comprises several members, who by  
carrying out their work in small parties, have  
managed to cover a great deal of ground.  
Careful route surveys have resulted in the  
correction of the positions hitherto assigned  
on the map to a number of places  
and in particular some exceedingly  
interesting ethnographical investigations  
have been pursued among the semi-  
independent tribes, of whom clusters are  
found in various parts of Yunnan and  
Szechuan, notably among the Lolo and the  
Miao-tse. On approaching the wild and  
remote country in north-western Szechuan,  
the expedition encountered considerable  
opposition on the part of the Chinese  
authorities, who doubtless feared the con-  
sequences if harm should befall the French  
explorers. Captain d'Ollone, however,  
persisted in pushing forward, and succeeded  
in reaching the remarkable bend of the  
Hwang-ho, where after touching the north-  
western border of Szechuan the river breaks  
back for a space into Tibet. Subsequently  
the expedition followed the river valley for  
some distance before striking across country  
for Lanchow, the chief city of the province  
of Kansu, which was reached after an  
adventurous and perilous journey.

New routes were followed and interest-  
ing additions made to knowledge of the  
Tibetan borderland and its inhabitants,  
but, like previous expeditions in the same  
region, the French explorers found that  
the tribes were decidedly hostile. The  
people appear to be distinct both from  
the Tib-lans proper and from the Mongols,  
and their country also differs in physical  
characteristics from other parts of  
Tibet. It is a rolling grassland, situated  
at an average altitude of thirteen  
thousand feet. On his way to Lanchow,  
after leaving this country, Captain d'Ollone  
paid a visit to the great monastery of La-  
brang, which he describes as a much more  
imposing place than Kumbum, the mon-  
astery where the Dalai Lama resided for  
some time after his arrival in China. An  
interesting incident in the later stages of  
the expedition was the meeting of Captain  
d'Ollone's party with the French ar-  
cheological expedition under M. Pelliot,  
who have been engaged in making their  
way through Chinese Turkestan from west  
to east.

A very valuable publication has reach-  
ed us from the Imperial Maritime Customs,  
being no less than a list of Medicines  
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Devonians wishing to attend are request-  
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M. H. SOUTHOOTE,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1909.

## Intimations.

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Hongkong, December 12, 1907.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK- ING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY  
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in  
this Corporation will be held at the CITY  
HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the  
20th day of February, 1909, at Noon, for  
the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Board of Directors together with a State-  
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1908.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 8, 1909.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK- ING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
REGISTER of SHARES of the  
Corporation will be CLOSED from TUES-  
DAY, the 9th instant to SATURDAY,  
the 20th inst., 1909, (both days inclusive),  
during which period no Transfer of Shares  
can be registered.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 5, 1909.

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All Sorts of COPPER, BRASS, STEEL,  
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96/-

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Hongkong, April 22, 1906.

## Intimations.

**HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPART-  
MENT.**

IT is hereby notified that information  
has been received from the MILITARY  
AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE  
will be carried out as under:—  
On TUESDAY, the 9th February:—  
From Sacred Hill on to Razor Hill, at  
ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing  
at 10 A.M., and finishing at 1 P.M.

On FRIDAY, the 12th February:—  
From Lyemun Defences in a South-  
Easterly direction at ranges up to  
14,000 yards, commencing at 10.30  
A.M., and finishing at 1 P.M.  
From Lyemun Defences in a Easterly  
direction, at ranges up to 7,000 yards,  
commencing at 3 P.M., and finishing  
at 10 P.M.

On SATURDAY, the 13th February:—  
From Stonecutters in a Westerly  
direction, at ranges up to 6,000  
yards, commencing at 3 P.M., and  
finishing at 4.30 P.M.  
If the weather is unfavourable on any  
of the above dates, Practice will take place  
on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to  
keep clear of the ranges.  
BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N.,  
Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, February 8, 1909.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of \$1.25 per Share,  
declared at the ORDINARY HALF-  
YEARLY MEETING of SHARE-  
HOLDERS, held this day, will be Payable  
at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking  
Corporation, on and after TUESDAY, the  
9th February, 1909.  
Shareholders are requested to apply to  
the Office of the Company for Warrants.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. E. CLARKE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 8, 1909.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEET-  
ING of SHAREHOLDERS will be  
held in the Office of the Company, Queen's  
Building, New Prince Street, on MONDAY, the  
22nd February, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of  
the Directors and the Statement of Accounts  
to the 31st December, 1908.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 8th to the  
22nd February, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. L. ROSE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1909.

## THE OWL GRILL ROOM

HAS REMOVED  
TO MORE COMMODIOUS PREMISES  
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TIERCE ... \$20 per Month.  
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Haddock, and  
New Zealand White and Blue Cod.

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Hongkong, May 19, 1908.

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TOTAL FUNDS at 31st December, 1907,  
£218,114,394  
Authorized Capital £500,000  
Subscribed Capital £279,000  
Paid-up Capital £287,500 0 0  
II—Fire Funds £8,065,374 15 7  
III—Life & Accident Funds £14,316,842 10 3  
Sinking Fund Account £6,907 5 3

Revenue Fire Branch £280,652 13 7  
Life & Accident £1,647,234 18 4  
Branches £8,283 5 0  
Sinking Fund Account £4,138,159 18 11

The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and  
Life Departments are free from liability in  
support of each other.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, August 7, 1907.

**JAPANESE MASSAGE.**

F. KAWASAKI,  
GRADUATE OF THE KORE SCHOOL  
OF MASSAGE.

99, Queen's Road East, Wanchai,  
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Patients attended in their own Homes or  
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BENEFICIAL AND PAINLESS RECOVERY  
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## CASH . . . SALE. . .

Monday, Feb. 8th

TO

Saturday, Feb. 13th

Further  
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Don't be afraid of Rain as Special  
Cars will carry you to the  
Circus and the Spacious New  
Tent will keep you dry.

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LAST 4 NIGHTS

OF THIS GREAT SHOW IN HONGKONG.

Don't Fail to See it.

THURSDAY NIGHT, FEB. 11th.  
COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT TENDERED TO  
WILLIAM SCHULTZ  
WHO WILL ATTEMPT THE MARVELOUS FEAT  
OF LOOPING THE OPEN LOOP.

MATINEE! MATINEE!  
SATURDAY, 13th February, at 3.30 p.m.  
Doors open at 2.30 p.m.  
Children Half-price at Matinees only.

N.B.—A Special Service of Cars will run  
between the Post Office and the Circus  
before and after the performance.  
Booking at ROBINSON PIANO CO., Ltd.  
COL. R. LOVE, Manager.  
Hongkong, January 11, 1909.

CATHEDRAL CHORUS CONCERT  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, at 9.15 p.m.,  
in the  
CITY HALL.

Tickets, \$3.00 at the Robinson Piano Co.  
The entire proceeds will be given to the  
Cathedral Organ Fund for which the sum of  
\$1000 is needed.  
Hongkong, February 3, 1909.

VICTORIA CINEMATOPH. . .  
EVERY SATURDAY,  
GRAND MATINEE, 4 p.m.

Songs by Miss MONTEZ and  
Miss LAURA DIAMOND

TWO PERFORMANCES NIGHTLY  
7.15 to 9 p.m. and 9.15 to 11.15 p.m.

Tickets can also be obtained at the  
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DES VŒUX ROAD  
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Hongkong, December 23, 1907.

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CORNER of HOUSMAN-ALI'S.—NEAR CROOK  
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The Coolest and most Central Hall,  
70-NIGHT AND EVERY EVENING.  
ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME  
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Hours: 9 to 11 p.m.  
Admission \$1.50, 30 cts. and 50 cts.  
Hongkong, January 26, 1909.

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A STOCK OF OVER  
200 MACHINES  
AND  
10,000 RECORDS

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EASY PAYMENTS  
CAN BE ARRANGED.

S. MOUTRIE & CO., LD.  
YORK BUILDINGS, CHATEAU ROAD.  
Hongkong, April 16, 1907.



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GENUINE AGE

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FINE MELLOW  
FLAVOUR.

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BULL DOG

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STOUT. . .

in Pints and Splits.  
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Light Ale - -

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ing Gowns, Paris Models  
in Hats and Toques,  
Laces, Trimmings, Under-  
clothing, Boots and Shoes,  
Hosiery and Gloves, etc.,  
etc.

### MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

**Auctions.**  
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, &c., at Messrs Hughes & Hough's  
Sales Rooms.  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Messrs Jays' Whole  
Stock-in-Trade at No. 14, D.S. Vieux  
Road.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, &c., at 77, Wyndham Street.  
**Amusements.**  
9 p.m.—Harmston's Grand Circus at  
Cassaway Bay.  
**Miscellaneous.**  
Goods per *Nippon Maru* not cleared on  
this date subject to rent.

### General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, February 12—  
10 a.m.—Booking for 'A Country Girl'  
opens.  
10.30 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain,  
&c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales  
Rooms.  
9.15 p.m.—Choir Concert at City Hall.  
Goods per *Constantia* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.  
Goods per *Siberia* undelivered at Noon  
on this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, February 13—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Sewing Machine Work  
at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.  
8 p.m.—Devonian Dinner at Hongkong  
Hotel.  
Goods per *Nippon Maru* undelivered at  
noon on this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, February 15—  
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, &c., at Mr J. B. Scott's residence,  
Glenholme, Kowloon (back of Canton  
Villas).

TUESDAY, February 16—  
11.45 a.m.—Exchange Banks Closed.  
Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, February 17—  
Goods per *Bendigo* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, February 19—  
9 p.m.—Performance by Hongkong  
Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall.

SATURDAY, February 20—  
Noon.—Meeting of The Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the  
City Hall.

MONDAY, February 22—  
Noon.—Meeting of Hongkong & Whampoa  
Dock Co., at Co's Office.  
Noon.—Tenders for the supply of Provi-  
sions will be received by Head Quarter  
Offices, Victoria Barracks.

FRIDAY, February 26—  
Noon.—Tenders for the supply of Provi-  
sions will be received by Deputy Vic-  
tualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard.

NOTICE.  
Communications relating to news should be  
addressed to THE EDITOR.  
Letters relating to business should be address-  
ed to THE MANAGER.

Correspondents must forward their names  
and addresses with any communications ad-  
dressed to the Editor, not for publication but  
as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written  
on one side of the paper only.  
No anonymously signed communications that  
have already appeared in other papers will be  
inserted.

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should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day after  
publication. After that hour they will be sent to  
the Office, No. 6, Wyndham Street, not later than 11  
a.m. New Advertisements should be sent in  
before 5 p.m.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are  
not ordered for a fixed period will be continued  
until countermanded.

Telegraphic Address: Mail, Hongkong.  
Telephone No. 22.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 1909.

NATIONAL THRIFT.

Lord Rosebery recently upbraided his  
fellow countrymen for their slow  
advance in the matter of national  
thrift. Scotland once had the reputation  
of being among the most thrifty of  
nations, but according to his Lordship  
she has lost the palm to France, while  
Spain, thrift, naturally England is  
mending her ways and trying to  
re-establish a highly desirable moral  
principle which once had the attraction  
for her. Many thoughtful observers  
fear that the institution of Old Age  
Pensions will be a stunning blow to the

inoculation of thrift among the working  
classes of the United Kingdom: that  
the certainty of receiving a pen-  
sion whether one has done one's  
life away or spent it in laborious toil,  
destroys a great incentive hitherto  
actuating a very large proportion of the  
working classes. Of course it will  
take some years for the full effects to be  
seen, but the pessimists are convinced  
that Old Age Pensions were a step in  
the wrong direction. It has taken  
many a long year to induce the British  
workman to recognise the advantages  
of belonging to one or other of the  
different benefit societies which ensure  
provision against sickness and the  
inevitable expenses occasioned by the  
death of the bread-winner of the family.

The idea underlying these Societies was  
no new one, either in England or  
Scotland. As far back as 1556 the  
Carters of Leith had an Incorporation  
which afforded sick benefits, and this  
Society still exists. Then there was the  
United General Sea Box of Borrowstoun-  
ness Friendly Society, founded in  
1634; the Sea Box of St. Andrews,  
founded ten years later; and the  
Fraternity of Dyers in Linlithgow, which  
began operations in 1670 and is still at  
work. These are among the oldest of  
the friendly societies, though it will  
come as a surprise to some people to  
hear that there are at present working  
in Great Britain 229 benefit societies  
which were founded over a hundred  
years ago. It was not, however, till the  
Oidfellows, the Foresters, the Hearts of  
Oak, the Hand-in-Hand and similar as-  
sociations were formed that the great  
mass of the working classes became  
interested in these thrifty schemes.

To-day these Societies and Orders,  
generally known as Friendly Societies,  
together with Railway and Postal  
Savings Banks, control a capital of  
over £426,000,000. The latest figures  
dealing with their work relate to the  
year 1906 and are briefly tabulated  
below:

	No. of societies.	No. of members.	Funds.
Building Societies	1,924	1,128,729	77,253,423
Friendly Societies	229	14,208,088	27,299,242
Co-operative Societies	2,723	2,487,268	22,800,507
Trade Unions	542	1,719,021	6,804,432
Workmen's Compagnies	51	103,444	189,704
Life Societies	225	25,410	387,525
Friends of Labour	225	25,410	387,525
Total Registered Pro- vident Societies	34,655	19,547,478	124,155,526

There are besides other channels  
through which the workingman may  
provide for a rainy day. These include

Bank, Depositors, Deposits

Railway Savings Banks

Trustee Savings Banks

(including Invest-  
ments in stock and  
special investment  
accounts)

Post Office Savings Bank

(including interest  
on deposits)

Total Capital and Pro-  
vident Funds

Grand Total

It appears, from a comparison of the  
membership of friendly societies at the  
close of the year 1899 (the date of the  
previous abstract) with the year 1905  
that the total membership of societies  
increased by a little over 13 per cent.,  
the increase being principally in the  
group of members under 16 years of  
age, i.e., the group comprising societies  
known as juvenile societies. Between  
the ages of 20 and 50 years a diminu-  
tion in the percentage of total mem-  
bership is observable for the year  
1905, as compared with the year 1899.  
In the earlier year members between  
these ages constituted 67.5 per cent. of  
the total, whereas in 1905 the  
percentage had fallen to 64.8. Of the  
above total number it is estimated that  
256,479 members, or 4.3 per cent., were  
over 65 years of age.

While, however, but slow numerical  
progress has been made, a more  
satisfactory state exists as to the finan-  
cial position of the societies. The con-  
tributions of members during the year  
1905 amounted to £237,811, of which  
£25,588,280 was applicable to benefits  
and £789,731 to management purposes.  
If to this be added £1,744,000 arising  
from interest on investments and other  
sources, the total amount to be adminis-  
tered by these associations in upwards  
of eight millions sterling. This was  
applied to the following purposes:

Sickness pay (including medical aid)

Funeral expenses

Other benefits (of a personal character)

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The average contributions of members  
amounted to 18s per annum in ordinary  
friendly societies, and £1 9s. 2d. in  
societies with branches. Of each £100  
received, there was applied to—

	Ordinary Friendly Societies.	Societies with Branches.
Benefits	73.18	65.94
Management	2.82	13.44
Added to the accumulation fund	17.45	19.68

Among the changes during the six  
years 1899-1905 in investments of  
societies, the most important are the  
holdings in land, buildings, and  
mortgages, which have increased from  
£520.2 per £1000 in 1899 to £597.1 per  
£1000. Local securities have also risen  
from £1073 to £1364 per £1000.

Trustee savings banks, Post Office  
savings banks, and investments with  
the National Debt Commissioners, all  
show diminutions amounting in the  
aggregate to 76.8 per £1000, which is  
explained by the lower rate of interest  
which they return.

On the whole these are imposing  
figures and show that a good substratum  
of thrift unites the general unpromising  
surface of working class life in England  
and Scotland. What effect the Old Age  
Pension Act will have in under-  
mining the stately edifice disclosed  
above remains to be seen. We fear,  
however, that it will not inure to the  
continued, far less increased, prosperity  
of the great Friendly Societies which  
have done so much to inculcate the  
spirit of thrift among a class notorious  
for its improvidence.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A case of plague, the subject being  
Chinese, is reported from Kowloon.

Mr V. R. Bowden has been elected  
President of the Yokohama Amateur Rowing  
Club, vice Mr F. J. Hall, who is going  
Home.

The Bangkok Customs officials made  
a seizure of 279 taels of contraband opium  
on board the s.s. *Loosek* on her arrival  
from Hongkong.

The *Kaitake*, a quarterly publica-  
tion issued in Hongkong, has made its  
second appearance. This number is almost  
entirely given up to racing gossip and  
illustrations.

Sixteen Chinese shops in the town of  
Beaufort, British North Borneo, were  
destroyed on the night of January 24. There  
was no loss of life, but the property  
destroyed is estimated at \$80,000. Beaufort  
has no fire engines; hence the damage.

The Soldiers and Sailors Service held  
in St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, on  
Tuesday night was attended by a crowded  
congregation. Bishop Lander preached a  
spirited sermon and the band of the Buffs  
supplemented the organ music most  
acceptably.

Capt. J. B. McMillan, Lloyd's Surveyor  
at Kobe, is proceeding to England by  
the N.Y.K. *Mishima Maru* for the benefit  
of his health. Capt. McMillan was long  
in the service of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha  
and has the unique distinction of opening  
that Company's Australian, Bombay and  
European services.

One of the most disastrous fires in the  
recent history of Brisbane occurred on  
January 4 in South Brisbane, when the  
greater part of Messrs. J. and T. Henslop's  
large establishment, better known as the  
People's Cash Store, was gutted. A rough  
estimate gives the damage to the stock at  
£20,000, in addition to which the buildings  
have been practically ruined.

The request of H. E. Lion Kwei,  
Governor of Chinese Turkestan, to pardon  
Kao Esh-chia and Chung Yung, who were  
furnished to Chinese Turkestan for dis-  
closing State secrets, as an act of grace at  
the beginning of the new Reign, has been  
refused by the Government, as it was  
deemed that their offence was of too serious  
a character to allow of this clemency.

From a very carefully compiled extra  
published by the *North China Daily News*  
on the eve of the opening of the Shanghai  
Opium Commission we gather that in  
Fukien alone is any perceptible diminu-  
tion in opium habits and production seen.  
In that Province, officials and people have  
cooperated to carry out the wishes of the  
Government. Elsewhere little or no notice  
has been taken of the Imperial Edicts.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

The accused in the Chung-sha-wan armed  
robbery case have been committed for  
trial.

The next Criminal Sessions will be one  
of the most important in the history of the  
Magistracy, to-day, for being a member of  
the Trial Society.

EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.

(THIS is done with Chamberlain's Cough  
Remedy, and if you are not satisfied  
after using two-thirds of the bottle accord-  
ing to directions, return what is left and  
your money will be refunded. For sale by  
all chemists and druggists.)

## MAINTENANCE OF CHINA'S ARMY.

TAXATION TO BE UNIFORM.  
(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, February 9.  
The Board of War has prepared a new  
schedule of taxes to be charged upon  
the people for maintaining the troops,  
and has ordered that 'it shall be  
uniformly enforced in all provinces.

## PREPARING FOR CHINA'S CONSTITUTION.

ELECTION REGULATIONS  
DRAWN UP.  
(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, February 9.  
The constitutional election regulations  
have been drawn up by the Taz Ching  
Yuan (Constitution Administration De-  
partment) and will be submitted for  
Imperial sanction when a fair copy is  
made.

## MINING IN CHINA.

PROPOSED RECOGNITION OF  
SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS.  
(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, February 9.  
His Excellency Chang Chih-tung,  
Viceroy of Changsha, recommends that  
any merchant who exploits a mine in  
any of the provinces with good results  
be accorded official honour and dignity.

## CHINA'S BURDEN OF TAXATION.

NECESSITY FOR REDUCTIONS  
(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, February 9.  
The Board of Finance has sent a  
memorial to the Throne to the effect  
that the people in the provinces are  
over-burdened with various taxes, and  
suggesting that officials be despatched  
to institute enquiries with a view to  
reductions being made.

## A FRANCO-GERMAN AGREEMENT.

ITS EFFECT ON MOROCCO.  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail:  
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Ordinance 3 of 1894.)

LONDON, February 10.  
A Franco-German agreement has been  
signed in Berlin to-day, conceding to  
France the predominant political interest  
in Morocco and securing for Germany  
commercial and industrial equality.

## HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

The weather seems to have broken down  
lately, and this fact no doubt had a good  
deal to do with the somewhat poor attendance  
at the circus last night. The programme  
carried out was of the same excellence as at  
preceding performances. On account of  
the wet weather the daring performance of  
looping the open loop by Mr Wm. Schultz  
was not attempted, but as a new tent has  
now been erected this sensational per-  
formance will be given to-night. The amateur  
riding contest, for which five local horse-  
men entered, caused a good deal of excite-  
ment and no end of fun. The winner  
turned up in Seaman Pearson, of H.M.S.  
Flora, and when he stepped forward for  
his prize he received a good round of  
applause. To-morrow night Mr Schultz  
takes his benefit, and we have no doubt  
that his daring performance will attract a  
good house. The last matinee will be given  
on Saturday.

## SOMETHING GOOD.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is  
good when you first take cold; good  
when your cold is seated and your lungs  
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storekeepers.

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## ENGLAND AND GERMANY.

ALLIANCE ALMOST COMPLET-  
ED IN 1899.  
(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuter,  
via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 9.  
A noteworthy article has been pub-  
lished in the *Berlin Tageblatt* showing  
that Mr Chamberlain, starting with his  
Leicester speech in November, 1899;  
nearly achieved an alliance with Ger-  
many, despite the opposition of the



## THE "SETTLED" ACTION.

The case which was supposed to have been settled came again before Mr Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court, this afternoon.

Mr Otto Kong Sing said he appeared for the plaintiff on this occasion after the settlement which his friend denied.

His Lordship:—I understand that someone who joined the business recently paid a certain sum to settle the action. Mr Thomson says he is not a party to the settlement except—

Mr Thomson:—I want my costs.

Mr Otto Kong Sing:—I want my costs.

His Lordship:—I will have to try the issue.

Complainant was then examined by Mr Otto Kong Sing as to the paying of the money.

Mr Thomson:—Did you come to my office one day? Yes.

And you saw my interpreter? Yes.

You asked him what my costs were? No.

What did you come to my office at all for? We agreed that each party should pay their own costs and I went there to enquire.

His Lordship intimated that he must try the issue and evidence was then taken.

The case was again adjourned.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE CASE OF ALLGIED THEFTS.

(To The Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir:—The case against an alleged Portuguese which was published in the local press has created some of a stir amongst the Portuguese community of the Colony. Firstly because the name of Frank Aquino is not known by them, and secondly because the name is not registered at the Portuguese Consulate.

Upon enquiry we learn that the defendant in the case was adopted by one Mr Aquino, late of Canton, and that he never received any Portuguese education whatsoever.

What impressed the Portuguese community was the way in which it was headed in the press, "Thefts by a Portuguese." It seems to many people that undue importance was attached to the case and this has been the subject of comment, especially the emphasis on the word "Portuguese."

We only hope that the object was to emphasise the extreme rarity of the occurrence.

Thanking you for the insertion of the above.—Yours etc.,

Hongkong, February 10.

[Note:—This case was certainly not described in the *China Mail* as "Thefts by a Portuguese" and nowhere in the two reports appearing in our paper referring to the case was the word "Portuguese" mentioned.—Ed. C.M.]

## AMOY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Feb. 3.

THE CHINESE EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY. To-day, being the 13th day of the First Chinese Moon, receives a specially honoured place in the Chinese calendar from henceforth, for it is to be reckoned as the anniversary of his birth. It appears that the child now known as Emperor Hsuan Tung (according to the Mandarin pronunciation and spelling) was really born on the 14th day of the First Moon three years ago, but as that is the day upon which a previous emperor died, and has to be kept as a day of mourning by the Royal Family, and sacrifices offered to his memory, it would be inauspicious and unsuitable to celebrate the birthday of an emperor on the same day. In consequence of this it is decided that the day before his real birth day, namely the 13th day of the First Moon, shall be reckoned as the anniversary day, and this year, 1909, it happens to be to-day, Feb. 3rd. Next year it will be Feb. 22nd, three weeks later, since there is to be an intercalary second moon this year, making thirteen months in this Chinese year. As the Chinese always reckon part of a year as one year, little Hsuan Tung is now four years old. He has been suffering from smallpox, but report says the disease is light, and is taking a normal course. There is nothing like being in time, and so his father, the Regent, has been exercised as to his tutors, and the subjects which he is to be taught. Evidently the Throne of an emperor is not a bed of roses! To be an emperor from childhood, detached from the fun and frolic of ordinary children, is not a position in life to be envied, even though you may have a privy purse of \$50,000,000 a year till you come of age.

In consequence of to-day being the emperor's birthday, it is a Customs holiday, but as it comes so near to the ordinary Chinese New Year's holidays, it is not as suitable a day as that of the last Emperor, Kuang Hsu, which always came in either July or August, being the 26th day of the Chinese sixth moon.

The two Japanese cruises, *Atsuta* and *Okuma*, are still here. On Tuesday, 2nd inst., the *Atsuta* Chinese Customs Revenue cutter, Captain A. O. Alhurst, came into port from Swatow.

THE WEATHER.

Unusually warm weather for the time of year is being met now, and the spring fogs have already begun. I never remember such a mild winter for many a long year. The snow of Shanghai has not reached us, nor has it affected our temperature.

LOOKING FOR THEATRE.—When the *Wine of the Liver* is down, the throat it begins looking for trouble, and when it finds the trouble it begins eating it. Makes weak people strong.

## THE MANILA CARNIVAL.

Successes of Hongkong Runner.

(By Our Special Representative.)

MANILA, February 5.

Vast crowds of festal-makers adorned in the manner of fancy costumes continue to flock to the Carnival grounds, where there is still plenty of diversion to be found. Music floats in the air from half a score of bands and everywhere there is merriment and frolic. The chief day event yesterday was the grand review in the Hippodrome of the whole of the contributors to the Carnival programme.

It was on similar lines to the night parade of units on the opening evening, though in the full glory of the sun-light the colour effects were thrown into even greater prominence.

All through the day there was an unusually large sprinkling of costumed figures flitting about in the crowd, the fuller representation than on previous days being due to the fact that at night there was to be performed the grand ceremony of crowning the Queens of the Occident and the Orient. And what a ceremony it was!

No pen could scarcely describe a descriptive account that would transmit to the reader anything like a full conception of the circumstance and its sparkling setting. For this occasion the huge Auditorium specially erected for the occasion was utilised and admission was only to those appearing in full fancy costume and mask.

There must have been fully 2,000 fancy costumes on view, a charming variety of ideas being displayed in the selection, and the result was a moving colour scheme of wonderful brilliancy. An added touch of effectiveness was given by the fact that the deep blue vault of the sky was the canopy above, the silver moon sending down her softened rays on the mass of gaily adorned humanity below.

The Americans entered into the mock coronations with whole-hearted sincerity and thoroughness; apparently they cast their republican convictions to the wind for the night, and took the affair up with all the enthusiasm which novelty inspires. Subsequently a stockholders' membership ball was held, the floor, which was capable of accommodating nearly 700 couples of dancers, being crowded. It was a grand night.

The cordiality of the officials towards the visiting Pressmen was again attested yesterday when we were entertained to dinner by Mr Gale, one of the Carnival directors. Amongst those at the table were Governor General Smith, Commissioner Forbes (Governor-Elect) and other prominent public men, and once more did we enjoy the geniality of all by whom we were surrounded.

Yesterday was a varied time for us. The Carnival provided a fresh feature in the appearance of a body of Panpang natives, whose weird war dances in the Auditorium were witnessed by a large crowd. At night in the Hippodrome, the dance of the *Laurel* and the *Laurel* were performed.

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The leading London journals and many European and American newspapers quote the *Times* article, which has created a profound impression in political and financial quarters. Little is to be said of the Fakumen Railway, for it is so generally understood that it is to be settled in accordance with the principles of the open door and equality of opportunities. The Japanese Government is not to be deceived by the Japanese press. The Japanese Government is not to be deceived by the Japanese press. The Japanese Government is not to be deceived by the Japanese press.

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## Shipping.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS  
FOR  
MARSEILLES & LONDON,TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR  
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.  
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS	Leave Colombo	Connecting Steamers from Colombo to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due at MARSEILLES (Brindisi 1 day later)	Due at LONDON (1 day later)
BRITANNIA.....7000	Feb. 20	MOULTAN.....10000	Mar. 20	Mar. 27
DELTA.....10000	Mar. 6	CHINA.....6000	Mar. 20	Mar. 27
MACE DONIA.....10000	Mar. 20	(through steamer)	Mar. 20	Mar. 27
DELTA.....10000	Apr. 3	MALWA.....11000	Apr. 17	Apr. 24
DEVANHA.....8000	Apr. 17	MONGOLIA.....10000	May 1	May 8

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.  
Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is arranged in Hongkong at time of booking.  
In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following:-

## INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSHIPMENT) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR  
LONDON,

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	Leave Hongkong	Due at LONDON
* MALTA.....7000	Feb. 20	Apr. 10
* SORRE.....5000	Mar. 6	May 9
* PALAWAN.....5000	Mar. 20	May 27
* SUMATRA.....5000	Apr. 3	June 1
* PALMA.....5000	Apr. 17	June 6

These steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malta or  
Marseilles.  
\* Carry 1st and 2nd Saloon Passengers.  
For further particulars, Apply to  
E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN  
MAIL SERVICE  
TO AUSTRALIA.MAIL SCHEDULE.  
(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
ALDENHAM.....		4th March.

THE above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful  
supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity.  
All State Rooms have Electric Fans. A daily qualified Doctor and Stewardess are carried.  
For further particulars, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, November 2, 1908.

## HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers  
between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon and Stewardess  
—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Sargoom and  
Stewardesses carried.—All the most up-to-date arrange-  
ments for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamships	Tons	Captains	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO.....	2540	R. Rodger.....	Manila	SATURDAY, Feb. 13, at Noon.
RUBI.....	2540	R. W. Almond.....	Manila	Feb. 20, at Noon.

A special inducement to intending Visitors to the PHILIPPINE CARNAVAL, we  
are offering a reduced fare of \$80 for passage to Manila and return by our s.s.  
Zafiro sailing SATURDAY, the 30th January.  
Tickets issued at this reduced rate will be available for return by either the S.S.  
Zafiro leaving Manila on 7th February, or the s.s. Rubi leaving Manila on 13th February.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN L.I.J.N.  
REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN  
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILATJAP.....	JAVA	First half of February.	JAVA	First half of February.
TJIPANAS.....	JAVA	Do.	AMOI	Do.
TJIBODAS.....	JAVA	Second half February.	JAPAN	Second half February.
TJIKINI.....	JAPAN	Do.	JAVA	Do.
TJILWONG.....	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJIMAH.....	JAVA	First half of March.	SHANGHAI	First half of March.

THE Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation  
for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take cargo to all Nether-  
lands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.  
For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the  
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN L.I.J.N.  
Yong Shewen, 1st Floor.  
Raffles Place, No. 97.

## Shipping.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.S.S. 'MACEDONIA',  
10,500 tons,  
CAPTAIN C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR  
MARSEILLES AND LONDON, Via BOMBAY,WILL leave Hongkong on MARCH 20th, 1909, staying  
at Bombay 24 hours only and is due to arrive at:-MARSEILLES.....April 17th.  
LONDON.....April 24th.FARES TO LONDON:-  
1st Saloon.....£71.10 Single, £106.14 Return.  
2nd .....£43.8 " £72.12 "For further Particulars apply to  
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 25, 1908.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR SHANGHAI, MOJI, YOKOHAMA  
AND KOBE.THE Steamship  
ALDENHAM, Captain  
S. J. GIBB, will be de-  
parted at 11 a.m. on THURSDAY, the 11th  
inst., at Daylight.This well-known Steamer is specially  
fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerat-  
ing Chamber which ensures the supply of  
Fresh Provisions, Ice, etc., throughout the  
voyage.This Steamer is installed throughout with  
the Electric Light.A Stewardess and a duly qualified Sur-  
geon are carried.N.B.—To ensure the additional comfort  
of passengers the steamers of the Company  
have electric fans fitted in state-rooms.For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1909.

THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL  
LINE.

FOR BOSTON &amp; NEW YORK.

(With liberty to call at Malabar Coast).

THE Steamer  
HEADLEY, will be de-  
parted for the above ports on  
about FRIDAY, the 12th February,  
1909.For Freight, apply to  
ARNOLD, KARENG & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 15, 1909.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND  
YOKOHAMA.THE Company's Steamship  
TOURNAI, Captain  
L. L. L. will be despatched for  
the above ports on about MONDAY, the  
15th February.P. DE CHAMPOMORIN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 8, 1909.

FOR

STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA,  
INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITER-  
RANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH  
AND LONDON.Through Bills of Lading issued for BATA-  
VIA, PERSIAN GULF, CON-  
TINENTAL, AMERICAN AND  
SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.THE Steamship BRITANNIA, Captain  
S. B. B. B., carrying His Majesty's  
Mails, will be despatched from this  
for BOMBAY, etc., on SATURDAY, the  
20th February, 1909, at Noon, taking  
Passengers and Cargo for the above ports in  
connection with the Company's Steamship  
service, 10,000 tons, from Colombo, Pas-  
sengers' accommodation in which vessel is  
secured before departure from Hongkong.  
Silk and Valuable Mail Cargo for France,  
and Telex-London (under arrangement) will  
be transhipped at Colombo into the mail  
steamer proceeding to Marseilles and  
London; other cargo for London, etc., will  
be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S.  
Egypt, due in London on the 2nd April,  
1909.Parcels will be received at this Office  
until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The  
contents and value of all packages are  
required.For further Particulars, apply to  
E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 6, 1909.

FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND  
ANTWERP.Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading  
to all ports in the United Kingdom  
and the Continent.THE Steamship  
MONTGOMERYSHIRE,  
will be despatched as above on or about  
TUESDAY, the 23rd February.For Freight, etc., apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 27, 1909.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.THE Co.'s Steamship Loring having  
arrived from the above Ports, Con-  
signees of cargo by her are hereby informed  
that their goods will be delivered from  
alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
vessel will be landed at once at Con-  
signees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, February 5, 1909.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,  
SHANGHAI AND JAPAN.CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship  
SIERRA.The above named Vessel having  
arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
notified to send in their Bills of Lading for  
counter-signature, and to take immediate  
delivery of cargo from alongside.Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel  
will be discharged at once at Consignees'  
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landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All cargo undelivered FRIDAY, 12th  
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ject to rent.All cargo and otherwise damaged cargo  
will be examined at the above Company's  
Godowns on WEDNESDAY, 10th Feb.,  
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Hongkong, February 5, 1909.

TOYO KIEN KAISHA.

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Hongkong, February 5, 1909.

## OPIMUM IN YUNNAN.

A correspondent of the North China  
Daily News sends from Yunnan, under  
date of February 3rd, the following  
telegram:-

H. E. Hsi Liang, Viceroy of Yunnan  
and Kweichow, informed me during an  
interview to-day that the production of  
opium in Yunnan had been reduced by  
about nine-tenths, and consumption by  
about half. Likin barriers have been  
commanded to confiscate and refuse  
to pass any opium for export after the  
past Chinese year. Opium not passed by  
the Customs during the year that has just  
closed is liable to be confiscated and de-  
stroyed, and opium passed by the native  
Customs before the end of last year must  
be taken out of Yunnan by April 20 or it  
will be confiscated and destroyed. The  
cultivation, as well as the consumption of  
opium is now strictly prohibited through-  
out the province, and offenders against  
this rule are punished and their crops  
ruthlessly destroyed. Almost without ex-  
ception the farmers throughout the pro-  
vince are complying with the opium  
regulations. Only two officials have dis-  
played antagonism to the enforcement of  
the regulations. Thousands upon thousands  
of opium pipes have been confiscated, and  
now adorn the city gates. The Viceroy is  
confident of complete victory, and an-  
ticipates no serious troubles. He pushes  
his reforms with heroic courage and a  
determination worthy of the highest praise.  
He emphasized the importance, however,  
of the neighbouring provinces following the  
example set by Yunnan, saying that what  
has been achieved in the most degraded  
province of China may be accomplished  
throughout the Empire. The Viceroy  
appreciated highly the stand America has  
taken in regard to opium, and expressed  
his hope that England would stand by  
China in her struggle with the opium  
problem.

The wife of a G.E.R. employee named  
Humphries has just given birth to twins,  
making up her and her husband's family  
to 33. The couple, then widow and  
widower, married about 15 years ago, the  
man having then a family of eight and the  
woman one of nine. During the last 14  
years—including the twins, who were born  
when the baby was 14 months old—the  
woman has given birth to 16 children.  
Humphries is about 54 years old. His  
eldest son, who is 32, is a non-commission-  
ed officer in the Army.

THE Company's Steamship  
SIERRA,  
Captain RADONIC, will be despatched as  
above on THURSDAY, the 11th February.

This Steamer has special accommoda-  
tion for passengers. Electric Light and  
carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For information as to Passage and  
Freight, apply to  
SANDER, WIELER & CO.,  
Princes' Buildings  
Hongkong, January 26, 1909.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LOYD,  
BREMER.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship  
MANILA,  
having arrived, Consignees of cargo are  
hereby informed that their Goods, with the  
exception of Opium, Treasure and Valu-  
ables, are being landed and stored at their  
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary is given before  
TODAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will  
be loaded into the hazardous and/or extra  
hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,  
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten  
days of the steamer's arrival here, after  
which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods  
remaining undelivered after the 14th of  
February, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods  
are to be left in the Godowns where they  
will be examined on the 14th of February,  
at 2.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 14th  
of February, 1909, or they will not be  
recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, February 5, 1909.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,  
SHANGHAI AND JAPAN.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship  
SIERRA.

The above named Vessel having  
arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
notified to send in their Bills of Lading for  
counter-signature, and to take immediate  
delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel  
will be discharged at once at Consignees'  
risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 5 p.m.  
MONDAY, February 8th, 1909, will be  
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All cargo undelivered FRIDAY, 12th  
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will be examined at the above Company's  
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ject to rent.

All cargo and otherwise damaged cargo  
will be examined at the above Company's  
Godowns on WEDNESDAY, 10th Feb.,  
1909, at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 5



## COMPANY REPORTS.

## Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The eighty-seventh report of the court of directors to the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 20th February, at noon states:—The directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Bank, and balance sheet for the half-year ending 31st December, 1908. The net profits for that period, including \$2,005,774.81 balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$5,644,125.65. The directors recommend the transfer of \$500,000 from the profit and loss account to credit of the silver reserve fund, which fund will then stand at \$14,000,000. After making this transfer and deducting remuneration to directors there remains for appropriation \$5,144,125.65, out of which the directors recommend the payment of a dividend of two pounds sterling per share, viz.: £240,000 and a bonus of five shillings sterling per share, viz.: £250,000 amounting in all to £490,000 which at 1/8th the rate of the day, will absorb \$4,123,851.37. The balance \$2,005,774.81 to be carried to new profit and loss account.

The Hon. Mr. W. J. Gossman has been elected chairman for 1909, and Mr. H. E. Tomkins deputy chairman.

Mr. R. Sheehan, Mr. Sheehan and the Hon. Mr. H. A. W. Wade retire in rotation and being eligible for re-election offer themselves accordingly. The directors very much regret that he has to record the death of their colleague Mr. C. G. R. Broderick last October. Mr. H. A. Wade has been invited to fill the vacancy; this appointment requires confirmation at this meeting.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. W. Hutton Potts and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, who offer themselves for re-election.

## Shanghai Land Investment Co.

The report of the directors for presentation at the twentieth annual meeting of shareholders to be held on Wednesday, 17th February, at 4.30 p.m. states:—The directors have pleasure in presenting this twentieth annual report with a statement of accounts for the year 1908, and they have every confidence that the shareholders will consider it evidence of an improvement in the state of affairs attained in spite of a long period of commercial depression. The working account for 1908 has a credit balance of \$1,501,701.80 compared with the \$1,513,251.54 for the previous year. The gross rentals show an improvement in the year 1908, the total being \$1,501,701.80, as against \$1,493,935.10 for the year 1907. The gross running expenses have been considerably increased and somewhat loss has been earned on interest account. The amount of the credit of profit and loss account after deducting the interim dividend paid in July is \$1,062,494.39 which the directors recommend for appropriation as follows: Final dividend 6 per cent. (making 12 per cent. for the year on fully paid up shares) \$240,000, bonus of 1/2 p. per share on 75,000 shares \$1,260,000, transfer to reserve fund for equalization of dividends \$1,300,000, carry forward to new account \$1,493,935.10, total \$3,003,935.10. All the company's properties have been kept in the usual substantial state of repair and fully covered by insurance. Repairs have been heavier chiefly owing to a very large number of changes in tenancy. Insurance is increased in proportion to the growth of the company's estates and taxes are increased in consequence of the new assessment of property. There have been a few losses under this head but are proportionally very small.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—On the 10th at 11.55 a.m.—Barometer has risen over the Looshoos and fallen at the Bonins, the depression having moved eastwards towards the latter islands. Pressure has continued to give way in M. China owing apparently to the existence of a depression over Manchuria. The higher pressure is shown over the Upper Yangtze. Moderate monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.65 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—

- 1.—Hongkong and neighbourhood: N. and N.E. winds, moderate; unsettled, some rain.
- 2.—Formosa Channel: Same as No. 1.
- 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Amoy: Same as No. 1.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

## To-day's Advertisements

## HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

It is hereby notified that on and after 1st MARCH, the Selling Price of Ice will be REDUCED TO ONE CENT per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers, Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., Hongkong, February 10, 1909. 201

## 'REIN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## STEAMSHIP BENGOE.

## FROM LEITH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN CO., LIMITED, whence and from the wharves delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th February will be subject to rest.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 24th February, at which time they will be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be insured on the 17th February, at 11 a.m.

The fire insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, February 10, 1909. 197

## SEVERE BRUISE WOULD NOT HEAL

Instructor of Physical Development Could Not Work for Three Weeks—Many Remedies Failed to Cure Wound on His Leg—In Ten Days

## CURED BY USE OF CUTICURA RESOLVENT

"I sustained a severe wound on the shin through my partner accidentally dropping a 150-lb. bar-bell on it while practicing a weight-lifting feat. The wound being badly bruised as well as cut, caused me great trouble and annoyance, as, though not healing quickly enough, I kept me from practicing for about three weeks. After trying several well-known remedies which did not seem to do any good, as the wound kept reopening, I purchased a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent and a tablet of Cuticura Soap. After using these twice the wound began to heal up and it never opened again. In ten days I was completely cured. I find Cuticura Soap better than any I have ever used for shaving, and also keep a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent for the use of my pupils after exercising. I think every body ought to know about Cuticura Resolvent. H. H. St. Newton, Heath, Manchester, Mar. 25, 1907."

## WORLD FAMOUS

Cure for Torturing, Disfiguring Skin and Scalp Humours.

The agonizing itching and burning of the skin, as in eczema, the frightful scaling, the loss of hair and the crusting of scales, in scalded-head, the facial disfigurement, as in acne and ringworm, find instant relief and speedy cure, in the majority of cases, in warm baths with Cuticura Soap and gentle anointing with Cuticura Ointment, followed, when necessary, by mild doses of Cuticura Resolvent (liquid or pills). Cuticura Remedies are cutaneous, absolutely pure under the United States Food and Drug Act.

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